# AWLEK IN LABOR CIRCLES

### Matters of Interest to Organized Workingmen of the District.

MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25. oughas Progressive Association of Steam

ngleners—609 F street, L. A. 4308, K. of L., Musicians—Weller's Hall Eighth and I streets mutheast.
Labor Bureno Committee—Hall, 316
Eighth street tortubest, 130 o'clock.
Executive Committee, D. A. 66, K. of L.
Labor Bureau, 316 Eighth street, 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

1. A. 1748, K. of L., Carpenters and coners—Society Temple, Firth and G L. A. 1644, K. of L., Plasterers-Plas-

school - Large rurenn, 314 Eignth street TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Federation of Labor-Plasterers' Hall, our-and-a-half street and Pennsylvama venue. Barkling Trades Council-Electrical Torkers' Hall, 509 Eleventh street. Plate Printers' Assembly - Labor Bureau

'16 Eighth street. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28. Carpenters', Joiners', and Stairbuilders' hien, No. 1-Labor Bureau, 316 Eighth

canized fron and Cornice Workers-737 Seventh street.
L. A. 2931, K. of L., Tin and Sheet Iron
Workets-Plasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue. Shoe Cierks' Assembly—Buena Vista Club coms. Sixth street, between G and H

Painters' and Decotators' Union, No. 179-Red Mcn's Hall, corner of Ninth and D streets northwest.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29. District Assembly, No. 66, K. of L.-Pasterers' Hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

L. U.No. 190, Brothermoo 1 of Carpenters-

Hall, 627 Massachusetts avenue Fresco Painters-1230 Seventh street. L. B. No. 10, Steam and Hot Water Fit-ters-K. of P. Hall, 425 Twelfth street. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.

L. A. 1798, K. of L., Journeymen House L. A. 1798, K. Of L., Journeymen House aninters. Labor Barcau, 316 Eighth street. L. A. 4896, K. of L., Eccentric Associa-tion of Steam Engineers—Bunch's Hall, 16 Eighth street. Electrical Workers' Union, No. 26—Elec-

trical Workers' Hall, 509 Eleventh street SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31. Cigar Makers' Union No. 110-737 Seventh

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The regular weekly meeting of the Feder-(Lion of Lubor, held last Tuesday evening, was full of interest from beginning to end. The delegates took a very active part in the debates, which were general in character. President McHugh was in the chair, organizations responded at roll call, others ing in later. Credentials of delegates were received and accepted from the Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers' Association.

Under reports of committees, the chairman of the committee to wait on the proprietor terview had been had, as per appointment made with Mr. Kernan, who had received the committee in his private office at the

Without listening to the committee, Mr. Mernan had informed them that he would onter into no agreement with organized labor. He had declined to sign a contract with the Central Labor Union, and would do the same with the local Federation of Labor. He was perfectly satisfied with the present state of affairs. Considerable more was said at the interview, but as it was nersed to place the full report before each organization, it was decided to take no further action until the locals had been

of the Knights of Labor. The report gay general satisfaction.

In reference to the plastering the report was not quite so flattering. No amicable adjustment could be effected between the contracting plasterer and the Plasterers' Assembly without violating the fundamental principles of organized labor. The contractor was willing to pay the wage scale on the theater job, but would not agree to make the same terms on his other work The committee would not agree to this, and Boyd, the publisher. rather than embarrass Mr. Metzerott had agreed to forfeit the work and let the non union men finish it, as it was in a fair way of completion. It had been learned, however, that an attempt had been made by those opposed to the local Federation of Labor to get the men at work on the theater to form an organization, but for what purpose other than that of antagonizing the legitimate organization could not be learn ed. The delegates could not see where the benefit came in for a set of men to organize as a labor union, when it was admitted that they were willing to work, and were work

ing, for less than the standard rate of wages. The delegates of the Plasterers further stated that the men proposed to be organized were now under suspension for non of fines for violating the trade rules of the assembly, but if anyone could make union men out of them the Assembly would wish them God speed

At the request of President McHugh the delegates from the Plasterers' Assembly gave a brief history of what the organiza had done for the craft in this city. Which was as follows: After many failure: to sustain a trades union of the craft prior to 1881, the journeymen plasterers were of Labor. The wages of a plasterer at that time was about \$1 per day of not less than ten hours, but the principal draw back to the craft was the piecework sys

After organizing Into the Knights of Labor a demand was made for the abol-ishment of all piecework and for a uniform rate of pay of \$2.50 per day. This prought on a strike, which was of short furation, and resulted in a complete vic 20ry for the journeymen. Six months later an increase of 50 cents per day was added to the daily pay.

In the spring of the next year 50-cents more was demanded, and after a strike of one day was granted. During this the hours of labor were reduced to eight At the beginning of the memprable lockout of 1886 of the building trades of the city the Plasterers joined hands with their brothers to assist then In getting the same advantages of short ours that the Plasterers had been enjoy ing for some time. During the early his-tory of the organization the card system had been thoroughly inaugurated and was still held sacred by the Assembly and the principal reason of the success of the assembly was due to that system and it is for the purpose of its abolishment

that the new organization was proposed. The recital of the history was applauded by the delegates, and the manly sacrifice made by the Plasterers' on the theater Job was heartily indorsed. Other delegate who had been present at the interviews held with reference to the work on the theater stated that Mr. Metzerott had given positive orders not to admit the so-called organizer inside the theater, and that the orders had been carried out. The inference

to be gathered from this was, the delegates stated, that the forming of the organiza-tion was for other purposes than that of

benefiting Mr. Metzerottor organized labor. The delegates from the Workingmen's Library Association stated that arrange ments had been made to celebrate the anniversary of the institution on Monday even-ing. October 26, at the Typographical Temple, by giving a musical and literary entertainment to be followed by a hop. The committee was preparing an elaborate program for the occasion.

The affairs of the association was pro-

gressing very favorably at the present time. An active interest was being taken in the workings of the institute by a num-ber of Lusiness rien and others, who had been added to the honorary sustaining membership list. The demand at the bubeau for mechanics for the past two weeks bad been greater than the supply. The Rea monument committee stated

that a final report would be made of the Labor Day excursion at the next meeting. Several hundreds of tickets were still out but if no returns were made by the next terers' Hall, Fourtant-a-half street and Pennsylvania arenue.

L A 3405 K of L Carriage and Wagon Makers builder Hall 346 rights street.

Mosaic and Lacaustic Tile Layers' As.

LABOR BUREAU AND WORKINGMEN'S

ASSOCIATION

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ver held by the managers of the Workingmen's Library Association was field on last Saturday evening. President Frank Dent occupied the chair, and the organizations interested in the affairs of the Bureau were well represented. The reports from the several committees were of such an encouraging nature that the managers became very jubilant over the prospects of the institution. Secretary Mandens reported that he had sent out the "appeal" with honorary membership cards to a number of prominent merchants, and responses were now coming in by every mail. From the favorable tone of the letters received, the committee were assured that the establishing of the Eureau and Library was appreinted by all whose attention had been called to it.

The secretary stated that owing to the attention of business men being taken up so much with the damage done by the late storm, he had not sent out the number of appeals that was orginally intended, be he thought that proper stiention would not be paid them at that time. He was now sending them out every day. The applications for both honorary and sustaining membership cards were also being pre

ented with very flattering regularity. The committee on anniversary celebration reported that Typographical Temple had been secured for that occasion for Monday evening, November 23. It had also seen decided that the exercises abould consist of musical and literary attractions for the first part of the evening and the renainder of the time devoted to dancing

The report of the committee was approved, with the understanding that the first part of the program would conclude at 9 o'clock, so that as much time as ssible be given to dancing. The price of admission for the full program was fixed at 25 cents. The subcommittee on secur ing talent for the occasion reported that a sufficient number of first-class artists had volunteered their services for the and representatives from twenty-three local first part of the program, and for the second part assurances had been received from Prof. Ledru R. Boyd, of the Musical Assembly, that a first-class orchestra and volunteered their services. The committee in charge of the cylebration was given full authority to make all the necof the Lyceum Theater stated that an in- essary arrangements to insure its success. The getting up of a printed program, with a limited space for advertise ment, was left in the bands of the subcom

mittee for report at the next meeting The committee on heating the large hall of the bureau reported that a large heating apparatus had been secured and put into operation at very small expense and the ball satisfactorily heated. The fuel for the first month had also been secured without any expense whatever. The thanks of tee for the economical management and u

was instructed to continue the good work, The report of the committee on fitting up the extra room with shelving for books. etc., reported that Mr. Bunch, the landlord, job was full of interest. With regard to the painting, the report was that every painter now employed on the work was a superior of the committee created hos urprise as from the committee created hos urprises as report made at the last meeting the final rein good standing to the Painters' Assembly | portlandbeenantscipated, Several of the delegates were indignant over the matter and gave it as their opinion that if other quarters were secured not only the organization subrenting from the bureau, but the or contrations renting direct from Mr. Banch would lend their support, both morally and financially. The mailer was left in the hands of the committee for further report. Several important additions to the library were reported by the secretary. Also the donation of a City Directory, from Mr.

> After transacting the regular routine business, the delegates and visitors were avited to partake of bot coffee and cake which had been generously provided, as usual, without any expense to the bureau To make the occasion more pleasant Pres ident Dent gave one of his humorous reci tations, entitled "The Colored Deacon's Dream," which brought down the house The refreshments were in charge of Mrs C A Maiders Mrs W. H G Simmons and gratulations on bright prospects of the in stitution the exercises were brought to a close, to meet again at the hall of the burean, 316 Eighth street, on Sunday evening October 25, at 7:30 o'clock.

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

The regular weekly meeting of the cen tral body of the Knights of Labor of thi jurisdiction was held as usual on last Thursday evening in the Plasterers' Hall, Four and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue Master Workman W. H. G. Simmons presid ed over the deliberations of the delegates In opening the proceedings the master workman called attention to the continued interest that is being manifested in the affairs of the order. In speaking of the oming annual general assembly, the maser workman stated that while he had been elected as one of the delegates to repre sent the District Assembly in the Genera ssembly, which meets in Rochester, N Y., on Tuesday, November 10, it was hardly probable that he could attend, and would give notice to his alternate to hold him self in readiness.

The absence of the worthy foreman

Michael Cuff, was noted and excused-It was stated that the worthy foreman wa me of those fortunate residents of the Dis one of those fortunate residents of the Dis one of those fortunate residents of the Ditrict of Columbia who had a vote, and that he had gone to New York to register, so that he would be entitled to exercise his prerogative as a citizen on November 3.

report from the respective local as semblies were full of encouragement. The delegates from the Labor Bureau gave a very flattering report from that institu-The delegates further stated that since the meeting of the directors of the bureau on last Saturday evening several appreciative letters had been received from iness men and others, which showed was spreading. Among the letters recently received was one from Prof. W. B. Powell, superintendent of public schools, to Mr. E. J. Dakin, one of the trustees of the library. The letter reads as follows:

"Inclosed please find \$10 for your workngmen's library-the most worthy object to which money can be given. Cordially W. B. POWELL."

The reading of the letter was received with appliance. Another letter from Mr. George, with \$10 inclosed; also one from Mr. Isador Saks, with donation. Several

other gentlemen had taken out honorar ship cards. The delegates an mounced that the next meeting of the Bureau and Workingmen's Library Asso-ciation would be held on Sunday evening, November 25, in the Bureau ball, at 7:30 o'clock, to which all friends of the movement are cordially invited.

Delegates from the Bakers' Drivers' As embly reported that a committee had been appointed to act with the Bakers' As-sembly and Union for the purpose of form-

ing a co-operative council.
Ploneer Laundry Assembly delegates an ounced a change of meeting hall. Future ings of the assembly would be held at 349 Pennsylvania avenue

Structural from Workers reported good attendance at their last meeting. Two sew members had been received by initia tion. A penalty of \$4 had been fixed for

patronizing an unfair theater.
Delegates from Shoe Clerks' Assembly reported that but four stores fail to close up at 6 o'clock. The agitation would, how ever, continue until every store agreed to onform to the early-closing movement

Carpenters reported initiations at last meeting. Painters gave a very encouraging report as to the state of their assembly. Since the formation of the assembly four-teen years ago several attempts had been made to create dissatisfaction by starting opposition unions, but only ended by the strengthening of the assembly. The recent attempt has ended with the same results, and the backstiders are now anxious to be

taken back again.
The Bakers' delegates requested that they be allowed to withdraw the application made by them at the last meeting to plan a prominent bakery on the unfair list, as the firm was ready to make an amicable adjustment.

Barbers' reported that their called meet ing of last Wednesday was the best held for the last two years. Applications for membership had been received from one of the members of the new union. Resolutions were adopted pledging the members to strictly observe all actions at the District Assembly and Federation placing firms on the unfair list.

A verf interesting address had been made by one of the lady members, which was eatly appreciated. It had been decided to give an open meeting on the first Wednesday in next month in the Plasterers' Hall, to which everybody was invited.

The Plasterers called attention to the newspaper reports as to the organization of a union of plasterers, which was plainly for the purpose of creating dissatisfaction with the present legitimate organization. As the movement to start the new organization was encouraged by a body with which the Bricklayers' Union was affilintel, the Phaterers' Assembly have decided to inform the Bricklayers' Union of the state of affairs, and there was no fear. The delegates indersed the action of the Plasterers in informing the Bricklayers' Union of the attempt to form the antag mizing union, as the Well-known opposition of the large majority of the Brick ayers' Union to any infringement of muon principles would be a sufficient guarintee that the communication of the Plasterers would be favorably considered.

The rest of the business of the Assembly not being of a public nature was trans acted in executive session.

### LABOR NOTES.

Tectorium is a substitute for glass. Surz Canal came era, oco, oco yearly. There's a thought weighing machine. California, beauty California beasts a 118-pound squash English militaals employ 400,000 men Germany has a thinney 440 feet like Chicago electric roads cover 760 mile The South's cotton crop is 775,000 bates Whitney has a \$10,000 nedstead World's railway capital is \$50,600,000,

New York city has 8,000 union brick layers.
At Wayne, Mich., milkis 2 cents a quart. At Wayne, Mich., milkis 2 cents a quart. New York State has thirty machinists'

Tennessee isto have a State Federation of Labor. inkers have 25 unions in and about New York city.

Massachusetts stationary engineers will orm a State union Brocktyn's three framers' unions will amalgamate

The business agent of a New York bakers' on gets \$10 a week Hornellsville, N. Y., banks now handle Canadian coin only at a discount. Nashville Trades and Labor Council has

Joined the Federation of Labor iffalo is to have a daily labor paper. A labor fair will be held in Euffalo

Dublin (Ireland) bricklayers' union bas band composed of bricklayers. New York has sixty branches of the Bricklayers' and Mass no 'International Union New York has Chinese cigarmakers. Jamestown, N. Y., carpet workers' wages were cut 10 per cent.

'Frisco unions held a convention to prepare laws to be submitted to the legisla-

Buffalounions have appointed a committee ask the numicipality to furnish work to Boston Building Trades Council discussed

Beston Bulleting Trace Condition of public schools and the unsafe condution of public schools and the danger to lives of little ones. The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters id \$193,232 out-of-work benefits in it

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last fiscal year.

All inemiters of a New York bakers' union
will be assessed \$1 a month for the payment of the out-of-work benefits.

An Anacouda, Montana, wornan has sued
the Carpenters' Union for \$2,360 damages
because a boycott was placed on her property.

The Brotherhood of Painters and Decontors New York unions are voting upon a reposition to admit contractors to memberhip, and make them eligible for election to

office in the unions.

The merchants of Helena, Moutana. are giving 25 per cent of their cash sales for the Bryan campaign. Salt Lake Tribune. Newark machine stoncutters secured the ractors offer to pay \$5 a head as initia-tion to the union was rejected.

The Detroit franch of the National Asso-sociation of Stationary Eugineers has de-

cided to go through a thorough course in the study of electricity, with Profs. King and Stoddard as instructors

The dry goods clerks want the ladies of Augusta to bovcott the inerchants who will not close their nlaces of business at 6 o'clock, as desired by the clerks. upon co-operation and refuse to buy goods f manufacturers who sell to co-operators nd threaten to discharge employes Who

t New York the old trouble between the Board of Walking Delegates and the Unit ed Brotherhood of Carpenters has broke at again, and strikes and counter strike of one union against another are likely to

It is a matter for regret that though the public has been again and again appealed to, foriegn-made baskets, the work in many instances of convict labor, are still being patronized in this country. Trishmen appar-ently are becoming oblivious to the interests of their native land altogether.-Dublin (Ireland) Independent.
At a public meeting held at Waterford.

reland, on Sunday, September 13, it was lecided that a public subscription be raised o meet the expense which will be incarred by the holding of the Trades Congress in A Pelfast firm of shipbuilders con tributed \$500 and Sir James Haslett sent \$250. The mayor of Cork contributed \$200

At a recent meeting of the Cleveland Central Labor Union it was deciden that an effort be made to organize an arbitration board for the adjustment of lator troubles the board to consist of seven members of the Central Labor Union and the same number from the Chamber of Commerce The New York Outside Iron Finishers and Helpers' Union has taken a new departure in the method of keeping up the standard of the men in the organization.

A physical examination is now made of all

icants for membership by a physician applicants for membership by a physisian, and if they are found not to be sound in physique they are rejected.

The German Painters' Union of New York has established a school for learners at its labor bureau, in Fifty-seventh street near Lexington avenue. Instructions will be given on evenings and on Sundays. The cost of the instruction is \$5 for a term of three months.

## Qingle Wax Column 000000

The Times undertakes no responsibility for any views expressed in this column.

INAUGURATING THE SINGLE TAX. Many who think very favorably of the single tax desire to know how it can be inaugurated. They ask how such a radical and far-reaching reform can possibly be brought about without a bloody revolution, such as has inaugurated most other great

social reforms.

They seem to think this the necessary concomitant of the birth of every great social reform, such as freeing our slaves and freeing America from the English yoke; ensequently they are dreading the upbeaval and bloodshed they consider evitable and hesitate, for that reason, to

advecate the single tax.
But thoroughly initiated single-taxers have no fear that this great reform, pow-erful and far-reaching though it be, will necessitate any bloodshed either in inaugurating or mankaining it. They advocate not revolution, but evolution, and instead of having men's reason overthrown by the angry passings aroused by war, de-sire to avoid all strife, that their logical appeal to calm reason may win greater tri-

We already tax tand values along with labor products, and to this no one objects, if we begin increasing the taxes on land values and proportionately remitting the taxes on labor products, we shall then be tending in the direction of the single tax. This reducing of taxes on labor products n lieu of increasing them on land values may continue year by year at a rate of 1, 2, 5, 10 or 20 per cent each year, until all of the taxes on industry are entirely remitted and transferred to land values. Thus the process can be so gradual as to require 100 years for its completion, or it can be accomplished in five years or even less time if desired.

At this slower rate certainly none could suffer appreciably from the mere transi-tion itself, whereas, most all other great social reforms have claimed not only the life long savings, but the very life-blood of many victims and martyrs.

Hence, they who think the single tax would be perfectly just to start with in colonizing a new and unexplored country, but object to it here on the ground of its injuring those whose speculative investments were based on confidence in the gov ernment's present taxation policy, can cer tainly indorse inaugurating the single tax at the slow rate of 1 per cent increase of land value tax each year, and thus join the limited, if not the unlimited, single taxers.

#### LIMITED VS. UNLIMITED SINGLE TAX ERS.

The unlimited single-taxers would take di the unearned increment of land, by taxation, for public use; while limited single suld take only part of that uncarned increment therefor; and some of hem would begin taking only very grad-

But they would all, eventually, take all the taxes off labor and its products,, or, at least, not tax them for the support of goverament until this universal increment was entirely exhausted. For, until the govern ment or community first consumes all the ground-rent it creates, it is unjust to per sion it on the individual's labor product as to pension the millionnire on the comwhich we virtually do whenever the millionaire landowner takes the inreasing ground-rent, which, but for the surrounding community and government

would never have existed. We thus pension, not only American, but even foreign millionaires, who, having bought up large tracts of American land, or married some American heiress, year after year absorb, through this rising ground-rent, more and more of our American products, without returning any equivalent herefor; thus constituting a continuous drain of our nation's substance toward Europe. with no returning equivalent. This accounts for the balance of trade often being against us, even when we export much more

than we import. Through selling our land to allens, som Americans most virtually go down on their knees to foreigners for permission to live on and use their own native soil. What independence did the blood of their Revo-Americans?

Is it possible that our blood-bought liberty has been sold away to the same people who tyrannized over our ancesters? Is t easier to pay foreigners tribute, when we, instead of they, make and enforce the laws exacting it? And do not the same land laws which enslave us to the foreigner equally enslave us to American land syndieates and speculators?

With only a purchasable right of access o the natural opportunities necessary to astain life, the "natural and inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of appiness," proclaimed in the Declaraion of Independence, ceased to exist, The we asserted rights are antagonistic and ncompatible, and one or the other must go The only question is, which will you mainain, that on which our glorious Republic and its grand institutions are founded, of that which antagonizes both? With the truths enunciated in the Declaration of Independence our Republic stands or falls CONSISTENT PATRIOTISM.

Don't work and pray for the coming a kingdom if you prefer a republi and don't demolish the foundation on which the republic is built if you wish it to stand. Removing everything antagonistic o that foundation strengthens it and in sures the stability of the republic, and only they who thus aid in perpetuating this truly democratic form of government

are its real friends. Help to secure man's "natural and inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" by helping to seure his natural and inalienable right to the natural opportunities necessary to sus-tain life. As well subject men to the tribute of kings and their titled lords as to the tribute of lords with titles to the earth, without access to which they can't

exist. Single tax agitation is already produc ng beneficial results. Foreign specuaters, who were hitherto eagerly buying up American land, seeing the possibility of our adopting the single tax ere long. have become cautions and curtailed pur-chases. American land speculators, for Similar reasons, have done likewise

This depresses the price of land to a point within reach of those intending to actually use it. Actual users, thus procuring the land, begin to use it and employ labor, thus reducing the pressure for employment else where and upholding wages, while the ncreased building on lower priced land lowers rents generally, by the decreased demand for that property held at high rental. Doubtless the single tax was largely instrumental in inaugreating the reduction in rentthat is being conspicuously advertised on much property today

Those who are reaping the benefits of these reduced rents certainly owe the single tax cause their support by advocating the doctrine, attending its meetings, and in every other way convenient aiding the move-ment. If even the possibility of the adoptic 2 of the single tax has such an effect in owering rents, how much more will its ac ual inauguration reduce them? Since the war the price of everything in

this city, with one exception, has stend-ily declined. And that one thing has absorbed the decrease of profit in producing and handling the other things. That one omnivordus thing which has fat tened on the adversity and declining profits of every other business is ground rent

though some dying millionaire be-

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ueathed the city a complete street car line with money sufficient to run it free for all tern ty, thetenart along that car line world this now more desirable locality would at the advantage, and the landlerd, instead of the tenant, would pocket the financial ten of And this is equally true of all other public

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HE HELD THE TRAIN.

How an Old Darky Kept His Contract and Got His Money.

One of a party of Washington excersion ts returning from a recent trip by the Merchants' and Miners' Line to Beston reates an amusing experience with a colored back driver at Norfolk, Va-

The steamer reached Norfolk early in the morning, and the party was informed by one of its officers that they would have ime to go over to Virginia Beach, spend an hour there, and return before the boat would be ready to leave. Hailing a colored man who had a barouche at the wharf they asked him if he could

get them to the depot in time for the train-Yes'n, 'deed, sah; I kin git you dar on ime," he said, but as they doubted his ibihty to do so, as an incentive to harrying blin up they burgained with him that if he got them to the train in time they would pay him so much money, otherwise he was to get nothing and was to bring them back wilbout charge. He readily accepted the proposition, say-

ing, "All right, boss, I git you dar in time," and then disappeared on a run around the corner, saying as he went, "I tis want'r run ober whar a minute." Five inutes slipped away and he had not returned. Six and seven minutes found the party still sitting there, and in a frame of mind that boded no good to their man

As it was now within two minutes of the schedule time for the train to leave and they were ten minutes ride from the depot, they abandoned all idea of making the trip, got out of the carriage and were moving away, when they saw him coming along at a dog trot, exclaiming as he came up, "Hole on dar, I git you to dat rain on time."

After wasting another minute in soundly berating the old fellow for going off, he declared with such positiveness that he ould "git em dar on time," that they got back into his vehicle, and as he whipped up his horses and started off, at no very great rate of speed, they reminded him of the bargain-no train, no pay-and he again confidently replied, "Dat's all right, boss, I git you dar on time."

Sure enough, when they drew up at the lepot there was the train, with the conluctor impatiently walking up and down the platform with his watch in hand. Passing the old man the fare agreed upon. they hurriedly got aboard, and as the train started they heard him exclaim from the platform behind, where he stood with a road grin upon his face, "Didn' I tole rou I'd eatch dat train?"

All day long the confidence of the old man in his ability to catch the train was a ource of perplexity to the party. Upon their return in the evening they saw the same old barouche standing at its acsustomed place at the wharf waiting for another job, and hunting its owner up inpitred of him how he managed his exploit f the morning.

"Oh," said he, "I had two free pieces of baggage to deliber at de hotel, and I Jis to de telfone and telfone de depot to hole dat train til I got dar whif some passengers, and dey jis hole de train up."

Proved a Failure Her mother was disappointed, and she did ot hesitate to show it

"Not a single proposal this summer," she "I know it, mamma," answered the daughter, regretfully. "And your father and I did everything

consible for you, too," continued the mother.
"We got you a bicycle and the prettiest lack silk bloomers to be seen at any of the summer resorts. "I know it, mamma," repeated the daughter; "but it was an error of judgent. Next summer I'll sell the bicycle and the bloomers and buy a nice cozy hammock and dainty white lawn dress and take my pick of all the men at the seashore. The

picycle girl makes considerable of a splurge

who gets married."-Chicago Evening Post A Thoughtless Inversion.

but I've noticed that it's the hamme

The missionary wiped his eyes. "And did I understand," he said, "that my predecessor passed from the scene of his earthly labors through becoming over-

The Cannibal chief bowed suavely. "Yes," he answered, dreamily, "he was warmed-over. Ah-t hat is to say-what a delightful reeze we have this afternoon!"-N. Y.

To Baltimore and Re- \$1.25 turn via Penna. R. R. Tickets will be sold Saturday and Sunday October 24 and 25, and will be valid for return passage until Monday, October 2 Good on any train. oc20-5t-em

## One Week's News and Gossip Around Local Armories.

This week the National Guard has been usy at Ordway shooting for prizes. It was the annual contest and the departnent of rifle practice is, on the whole, pleased with the result. The materies began Wednesday and the attendance the

first day was very large. Of course during the remainder of the shoot the prizes Were not open to so many persons and the attendance was not so large. The top scores made were fair. They have been better. Some of the shooting

was very indifferent, though. The inspectors were pleased, however, with the interest shown, and are hoping for better things when the rifle gathery opens this winter. ENGINEERS KNOCKED OUT.

One of the features of the matches was the decision knocking out the Engineer Corps. The Engineer Corps can shoot, and knows it. So do the other commands in the brigade. The Engineers were entered in the volley skirmish match, which was limited to infantry commands The Fourth Pattalion protested the entry of the Engineers and the board at the

The next shooting at the range will be on Thanksgiving Day. Last year a great deal of interest was taken, and a large number of guardsmen were out. Each man was required to pay 25 cents entrance fee, and these fees were divided up into prizes. The same thing, it is expected, will be done this year. No definite arrangements have yet been

range decided that the protest was well

made as to the presentation of prizes. The medals and crosses for the marksmen and sharpshooters of a year ago have arrived, and there is a desire that all the presentations take place the same evening. It is usual for headquarters to send these medals to the colonels of the regiments, and he has them distributed as he sees fit. In most cases, there is more or less ceremony connected with the affair.

There is some talk this year of ordering the entire brigade out to do honor to the occasion. The presentations will be made in Convention Hall, and many of the ofnot benefit one iota thereby. For rents in | ficers think the effect would be very great. It will all depend on the view Col. Clay nce advance sufficient to counterbalance takes of the matter, as he is in command since Gen. Ordway is away.

#### FOR CASH PRIZES.

The scheme of Licut. Webb to raise money for prizes to be given to the companies making the best average dering the com-ming year is booming. It is one of the best ideas yet presented, and officers and nen alike are interested in it. It is so practical and will be of so much benefit that no one can be found who is opposed

to It. Lieut. Webb has the matter in hand, and s rushing it right along. He has served a number of officers of the guard, and has not met with a refusal yet. Aircady lifty or sixty names have been signed. The first signer started the list with \$2 against his name, and this amount has been followed. So already over \$100 has been subscribed. It is not at all obligatory that \$2 should be the amount given, and all officers are hereby notified that a \$10 subscription will not be turned down if offered to Lieut. Webb.

Capt. Bell, inspector of rifle practice of the Second Regiment, believes that \$500 can be easily raised. It begins to look that way, especially as Lieut. Webb reports that a number of outsiders-have promised to assist in the matter. Each subscriber has a year in which to make good his subscription, and the undertak-ing will thus be a light one. Five hundred dollars would make three very handsome prozes, all worth competing for. Say \$300 for the first, \$150 for the second and \$50 for the third. There would be some great rivalry among the boys as to who should

get the \$300. The Sixth Bettalion had its first buttalson drill of the season Thursday night in Convention Hall. It was a full dress affair. Major Bartlett was down for a his family had to leave. Capt. Simmonson was in command. Two companies were out and the drill was a good one.

IN THE FIFTH BATTALION. The Fifth Battalion takes a turn at the hall tomorrow night. A full dress parade, review and drill will be held. Capt. Guy A. Jenkins will be in command. Lient, Lund, of Company C, will resign

on account of lack of time to devote to National Goard affairs. He will be missed as a pleasant companion. Company D is getting a hustle on for the purpose of again getting the battalion D having so far won it twice. prize. Capt. Sayre is getting Company C in training, and has strong hopes of making it

very lively for the other companies when

the prize drill comes off. Company B is going in for hard work will, and each week shows a cuted improvement in drill and attend-Mr. Theodore J. Pickett, first lieutenant elect of Company A, will be unable to ac-

cept the position as he will shortly leave

he city on business, which will necessitate

his absence for a considerable time. Comnany A will regret his loss as he was its nanimous choice Company A is beeming. Fifteen re craits have joined since October 1 This company kept up drill all summer, and, refore, the men have not lost the habit of attending. This is shown by the large

iber present every Monday, It is rumored that Private Bennison, ompany A, will succeed Lieut. Shaw as aspector of rifle practice, Fifth Battellon. Private Dennison is an ex-regular army man, and thoroughly up on all tifle mat-

The enlisted men of Company A have taken the matter of non-attendance in hand, and are expelling all men who refuse, on due notice, to attend drills There is no foundation for the report

that Major Suess will resign. Letters received from him last week give no such atimation. He is on six months' leave.

## MAP READING

The Maryland National Guard has arranged for a series of lectures this winter on "Map Reading and Topography." They will be delivered by Major Josiah Pierce, Jr., chief ordnance officer of the brigade. The purpose of the lectures is to give officers of the brigade an idea of the meaning of maps and how to make them. There no way of telling at what time a body of soldiers will be called out for active luty on the field. Gen, Riggs, in command of the brigade, is a firm believer in the old adage," In times of pcace prepare for war," and that is just what he is doing all the while. In active service one of the duties of the soldiers is patrol duty, and it is for this the lectures are to be given. Soldiers sent out on patro! duty would be required to make sketch maps of the cour try as they went along, locating places of defense, suitable sites for camp, water,

oridges, cross roads, woodland, etc In modern warfare this would be es ential, and Gen. Riggs 1s to be commended for the steps he is taking in educating officers of the brigade up to all the require-ments of modern warfare. Some day, one cannot tell how soon, it will be of in-

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NOTES OF THE COMMANDS. Gen, Ordway has gone to Hot Springs, Ark,, for his health. He has been very much run down and his friends expect the rest to put him in good shape. There seems

to be no truth in the rumor that he is to resign. During his absence Col. Clay will be in command of the brigade. An effort is to be made to have a record of all officers kept at headquarters, in cluding the scores they make at rifle prac-

The brigade board met Wednesday night and examined three applicants for pro Capt. Harry D. King, Company D. Third

tice.

Battalion, intends to resign. His business will require his living in Faitimore, The following have been ordered honor ably discharged on their own application. Private Harry Goodman, First Separate Company; Sergt. Frank L. Uran, Company B, First Battalion; Private Charles Ehlman, Company D. Third Battalion; Sergt. Frank A Kauffmann and Private H. Edward Wheeler, Company A. Fifth Battation; Privates Eugene House and Andrew Johnson, jr., Company B, Fifth Battalion; and Privotes W. T. Trippett and John W Ward,

Company C, Fifth Battalion. Private James E. Dement has been ordered honorably discharged on account of re-

moval from the District. Privates William A. O'Meara and Stuart Shea, Company A. Fifth Battalion, have been ordered dishonorably discharged on account of expulsion from the company.

The troop held a meeting last Monday night and appointed a committee to look after applications. It consists of Sergt, Simpson, Sergt. Von Dauchenhausen, Corporal Swarts and Private Green inspection of lockers is to be held tomorrow A board of survey has been ordered on

night the property in charge of Capt, Williams of the Fourth Battalion. It was damaged by a leak in the armory. Non-cons officers' school is held in this battalion every first Tuesday of the month, and officers' school every third Tuesday.